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NEWARK COMMUNITY PROJECT

TO SPONSOR AN OPEN FORUM

ON NEW AIDS LEGISLATION

U.S. Congressman Donald Payne,

Asst. Health Commissioner Morgan

To Address Issues at Urban League

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Newark, N.J.---(9-7-90)--- Provisions of the Comprehensive AIDS Resources Emergency Act, signed into law by President Bush last month, will be discussed by U.S. Congressman Donald Payne at an open community forum sponsored by the Newark Community Project for People With A.I.D.S. Monday evening (9-10-90), Mr. Derek Winans, Chairperson, announced this week.

How the new law could affect New Jersey in particular will also be discussed by the newly designated Assistant State Commissioner of Health for AIDS Control & Prevention, Douglas Morgan, a Newark native, and how it could effect the greater Newark area by Dr. Adewale Troutman, former City Medical Director.

"This legislation and the direct funding it could provide is especially significant for Newark and its immediate environs now that the U.S. Government has released new data showing our area with the highest proportion of its population infected with the HIV virus in the whole country," Mr. Winans noted in his announcement. The results of the study (known as the 'Sentinal Hospital Survey') conducted by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control were published in the July

issue of the New England Journal of Medicine.

The NCP for PWAs forum will be convened at 6 p.m. Monday evening at the Urban League of Essex County, 3-5 William Street, Newark.

The Ryan White AIDS Resources Act of 1990 authorizes \$275 million per year in AIDS Emergency Relief grants, \$275-million more in HIV Care Grants (for assistance in maintaining health insurance coverage for those testing HIV positive), and \$305-million in Early Intervention Services Grants for provision of a variety of community-based early intervention services.

Congressman Payne, a member of the House Government Operations Committee with oversight responsibilities for the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services, was instrumental in convening a Congressional Hearing on the AIDS epidemic in Newark early in 1989 and spoke at the World AIDS Day Health and Social Service Providers breakfast meeting in Newark last December 1st.

The breakfast meeting was cosponsored by NCP for PWAs with the Minority Health Institute of UMD-N.J., then directed by Mr. Morgan. The meeting was convened to inaugurate establishment of the Newark AIDS Task Force, chaired by Dr. Troutman.

A preliminary report of the Task Force containing specific recommendations for action to stem the epidemic and promote the humane care and treatment of those afflicted by AIDS will be released later this month, Mr. Winans stated.